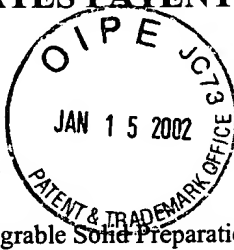


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Applicants herewith authorize the Commissioner to charge the Applicant's USPTO deposit account number 500799 for the appropriate fee as set forth under 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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